

Respondents	No. of re- spondents	No. of re- sponses/re- spondent	Avg. burden/ response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
GIS Questionnaire for Directly and Indirectly Funded .....	2,000	1	30/60	1,000
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	1,000

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

#### Proposed Projects

*Title:* Title IV-E Foster Care Eligibility Reviews, Child and Family Services Reviews

OMB No. 0970-0214

*Description:* ACF is requesting authority to renew an existing information collection that is expiring April 4, 2003. The initial information collection was contained in the final rule transmitting the Department's monitoring protocols for assessing title IV-E eligibility and payment accuracy, the child and family services reviews (CFSR), enforcement of the title IV-E anti-discrimination requirements, and

certain provisions of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. Five information collections are associated with this information collection.

The collection of information for review of Federal payments to States for foster care maintenance payments (section 1356.71(i)) is authorized by title IV-E of the Social Security Act (the Act), section 474 [42 U.S.C. 674]. The collection of information for review of State child and family services programs (section 1355.33(b), 1355.33(c), and 1355.33(a)) to determine whether such programs are in substantial conformity with State plan requirements under parts B and E of the Act is authorized by section 1123(a) [42 U.S.C. 1320a-1a] of the Act.

Section 474(d) of the Act [42 U.S.C. 674] deploys enforcement provisions (sections 1355.38(b) and (c)) for the requirements at section 471(a)(18) [42 U.S.C. 671] which prohibit the delay or denial of foster and adoptive placements based on the race, color, or national origin of any of the individuals involved. The enforcement provisions include the execution and completion of corrective action plans when a State is in violation of section 471(a)(18).

The information collection is needed (1) To conduct Federal onsite eligibility reviews of title IV-E of the Act, "Federal

Payments for foster care and adoption assistance"; and (2) to monitor State plan requirements under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Act, as required by Federal statute and (3) to enforce the title IV-E anti-discrimination requirements through State corrective action plans. The resultant information will allow us to determine if States are in compliance with State plan requirements and are achieving desired outcomes for children and families, as well as assure eligibility for Federally-assisted foster care expenditures. These reviews not only address compliance with eligibility requirements, but also assist States in enhancing their capacities to serve children and families. In doing the OMB information collection, we based the annual burden estimates for the child and family service review instruments on the pilot reviews. We are therefore soliciting comments on the annual burden estimates from more accurate estimates of the annual burden. We would like to know the number of person-hours for State and local child welfare agency employees who completed the statewide assessment instrument, completed the onsite review instrument and completed a program improvement plan.

*Respondents:* State Agencies.

### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instruments	Number of re- spond- ents	Number of re- sponses per re- spondent	Average burden hours per response	Total bur- den hours
1355.33(b) State agency statewide assessment .....	17	1	240	4,080
1355.33(c) On-site review .....	17	1	900	15,300
1355.35(a) Program improvement plan .....	17	1	80	1,360
1355.38(b) and (c) Corrective action plan .....	5	1	80	400
1356.71(i) Program improvement plan .....	17	1	63	1,071
<i>Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:</i> .....				22,211

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection information can be obtained and

comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c)

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: December 4, 2002.

**Robert Sargis,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

##### Proposed Projects

*Title:* Head Start Impact Study.

*OMB No.:* New Collection.

*Description:* The Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is requesting comments on plans to

conduct the Head Start Impact Study. This study is being conducted under contract with Westat, Inc. (with the Urban Institute, American Institutes for Research, and Decision Information Resources as their subcontractors) (#282-00-0022) to collect information for determining, on a national basis, how Head Start affects the school readiness of children participating in the program as compared to children not enrolled in Head Start and to determine under which conditions Head Start works best and for which children.

The Head Start Impact Study is a longitudinal study that will involve approximately 5,000-6,000 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across an estimated 75 nationally representative grantee/ delegate agencies (in communities where there are more eligible children and families than can be served by the program). The participating children will be randomly assigned to either a Head Start group (that receives Head Start program services) or a comparison group (that does not receive Head Start services but may enroll in other available services selected by their parents or be cared for at home). Data collection for the study began in fall 2002 and extends through spring 2006 with child assessments, conducted in the fall and spring of the Head Start

years and in the spring of the kindergarten and first grade years and parent interviews conducted in the fall and spring of each year. Interviews with teachers, care providers, and staff (setting interview), and quality of care assessments will be conducted each year. This schedule of data collection is necessitated by the mandate in Head Start's 1998 reauthorization (Coats Human Services Amendments of 1998, Pub. L. 05-285) that DHHS conduct research to determine, on a national level, the impact of Head Start on the children it serves.

A field test of instruments and procedures was conducted during fall 2001 and spring 2002. The field test involved approximately 450 first time enrolled three- and four-year old preschool children across eight grantee/ delegate agencies representing different community contexts.

*Respondents:* Individuals or households, Head Start Agencies, School Districts, and other child care providers.

*Annual Burden Estimates:* Estimated Response Burden for Respondents to the Head Start Impact Study—Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, and Spring 2006.

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Year 1 (Fall 2002):				
Parent interviews .....	5,111	1	1.00	5,111
Child Assessments .....	5,111	1	0.9166	4,685
Year 1 (Spring 2003):				
Parent interviews .....	4,599	1	1.00	4,599
Father questionnaire .....	4,599	1	0.50	2,300
Child assessments .....	4,599	1	0.9166	4,216
Teacher provider ratings .....	966	5	0.0833	403
Center Directors/Principals Staff .....	368	1	0.25	92
Classroom teachers .....	736	1	0.50	368
Other care providers .....	230	1	0.50	115
Year 2 (Fall 2003):				
Parent interviews .....	4,139	1	1.00	4,139
Child assessments .....	2,287	1	0.9166	2,096
Year 2 (Spring 2004):				
Parent interviews .....	3,910	1	1.00	3,910
Child assessments .....	3,910	1	0.9166	3,584
Teach provider ratings .....	803	5	0.0833	335
Center directors/Principals/Staff .....	349	1	0.25	87
Classroom teachers .....	700	1	0.50	350
Other care providers .....	103	1	0.50	52
Year 3 (Fall 2004):				
Parent interviews .....	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Year 3 (Spring 2005):				
Parent interviews .....	3,519	1	1.00	3,519
Child assessments .....	3,519	1	0.9166	3,226
Teacher ratings .....	704	5	0.0833	293
Principals/Staff .....	352	1	0.25	88
Classroom teachers .....	704	1	0.50	352
Year 4 (Fall 2005):				
Parent interviews .....	1,667	1	1.00	1,667